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SUBJECT: LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES:
2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. MINISTER: AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO A TRIP TO ARGENTINA EVER SINCE YOU FIRST EXTENDED THE CORDIAL INVITATION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT. I NOW FIND THAT THE THIRD WEEK IN FEBRUARY WILL BE A GOOD TIME FOR ME. I AM CONSIDERING STOPS IN BRAZIL, CHILE, PERU, AND VENEZUELA AS WELL.
3. BEFORE GOING TOO FAR ON THE DETAILED PLANNING, HOWEVER, I WANTED TO MENTION THIS TO YOU. AS WE DISCUSSED, MY FIRST STOP WOULD BE IN ARGENTINA, ARRIVING PERHAPS ON SUNDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 16. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THIS WOULD BE QUITE CONVENIENT TO YOU AND TO PRESIDENT PERON.
4. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS YOU AND I CAN JOINTLY ANNOUNCE THE VISIT, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR KEEPING MY PLANS IN THE

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STRICTEST CONFIDENCE. AS SOON AS I HEAR FROM THE OTHER

COUNTRIES ON THE ITINERARY, I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU
AGAIN ON SPECIFIC DATES.

5. WE HAVE TALKED A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THIS VISIT AND I
EAGERLY LOOK FORWARD TO BEING WITH YOU IN ARGENTINA.
AS YOU KNOW, THIS WILL BE MY FIRST TRIP TO YOUR COUNTRY.
AS WE APPROACH THE END OF 1974, MY WIFE AND I WANT TO
WISH YOU AND ALL YOUR FAMILY HAPPINESS AND GOOD HEALTH
FOR THE COMING YEAR. WARMEST REGARDS,
HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT. BROWN

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